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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference LW8043PC	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/KR 03/00349	International filing date (day/month/year) 20 February 2003 (20.02.2003)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 26 July 2002 (26.07.2002)
Applicant SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

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- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.: 6

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

 None of the figures.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

There are provided a backlight assembly (700) and an LCD device (1000) using the same. The backlight assembly (700) has an optical sheet (100) for improving light efficiency and optical properties thereof and an elastic adhesive member (130) disposed on the optical sheet (100). When the optical sheet (100) deforms with heat, the elastic adhesive member (130) may be expanded or contracted corresponding to deformation of the optical sheet (100) and absorb impact applied to LCD device. Accordingly, the backlight assembly (700) may prevent the optical sheet (100) from being wrinkled or scratched, thereby preventing display quality of the LCD device from being deteriorated.

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CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: G02F 1/13357, 1/1335

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁷: G02F, F21V

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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